

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes AA-2361 no BA-3107

Property Name: Masonry Retaining Wall B

Inventory Number: 18 BA 3107

Address: CSXT Milepost BAA 14.7-14.9; HDR Sta. 303+50-314+00 City:

Zip Code: 20794

County: Baltimore Anne Arundel

USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West Savage

Owner: CSX Transportation

Is the property being evaluated a district? no

Tax Parcel Number:

Tax Map Number:

Tax Account ID Number:

Project: CSXT Capital Subdivision Improvements

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes

Name:

Date:

Is the property located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number:

NR-listed district yes

Eligible district yes

Name of District:

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes X no

Criteria: A B C D

Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This 500-foot long masonry retaining wall is located on the east side of CSXT's railroad line, north and south of the Old Washington Branch's crossing with Montevideo Road. The wall is up to eight courses in height and is unmortared, without a capstone. Small portions of the wall have deteriorated, but most is intact. The wall appears to be of original height in relation to the railroad bed (i.e., the rail bed elevation has not been significantly raised by track modifications).

Although CSX Transportation is unable to locate historic records pertaining to the wall, the use of unmortared, rough-faced granite suggests that the wall was constructed between 1832 and 1835, during the original construction of the Washington Branch by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Masonry Retaining Wall B near the Montevideo Road crossing is associated with the building of the earliest common carrier railroad line in the United States, and illustrates the technology used to protect the B&O's track bed. However, it is not characteristic of a type, period, or style of construction, and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Date Prepared: 6/11/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X

Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

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Figure 1: Masonry Retaining Wall B at Montevideo Road crossing, looking north.

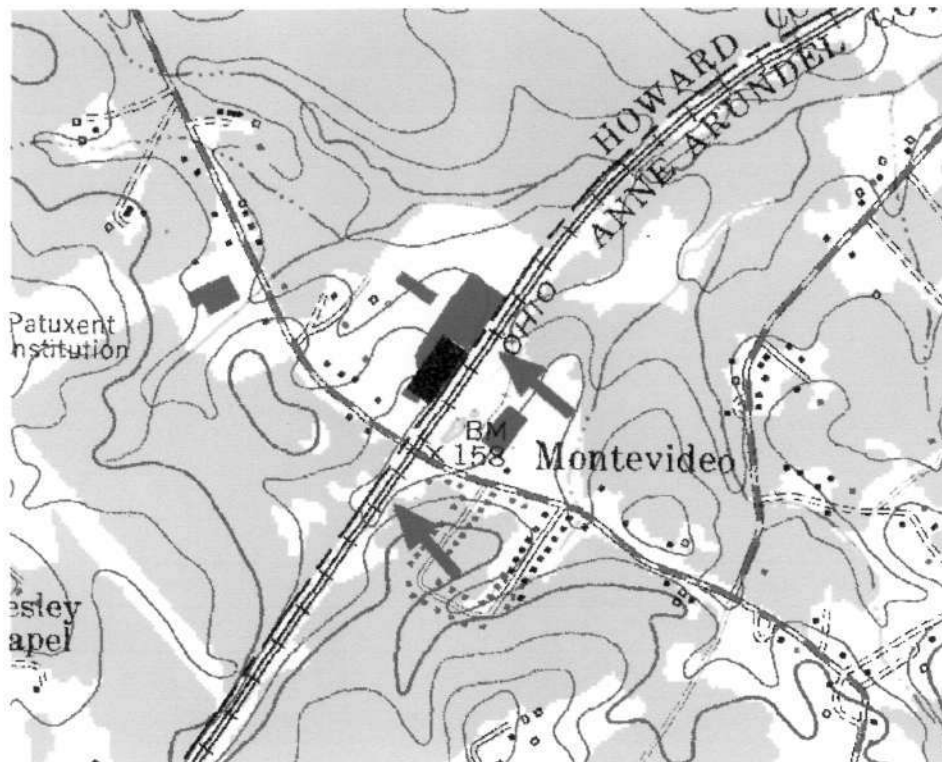


Figure 2: USGS Savage 7.5' Quadrangle Map showing property location between arrows.



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